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To The Boys At Benning—

*Greetings From
Your Christmas
Angel*

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Wounded Vet Repays Blood Bank for Saving Own Life

Highlighted by donors with the Maiken Island in the GIL-Purple Heart decorations, hundreds of GIs, soldiers, Wacs and officers alike gave blood to the Atlanta chapter, American Red Cross Blood Donor Service, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Dispensary "A."

A first sergeant who owes his life to two administrations of blood plasma after German shrapnel wounded him near the Volturno River in Italy, was one of the first to donate a pint of blood Tuesday morning.

Sergeant Wahl, who lives in Columbus with his wife and 18-month old daughter, Dorothy, used the first label to donate his blood to the company commander under whom he had served more than a year. He's a "damned good egg," the sergeant asserted as he signed the label.

Another donor intensely interested in the blood plasma project was Lt. Col. Joseph A. McDonough of The Infantry School, who watched Jap snipers shoot bottles of plasma hanging from trees and the rifle stocks at field hospitals in

"The Japs picked off the plasma bottles hanging on the trees for gravel pressure while blood was being administered to wounded soldiers," Colonel McDonough told Mrs. I. G. Walker, chairman of the Blood Bank unit at Fort Benning, as he offered his blood in honor of his brother, Lt. (j.g.) John F. McDonough of the Navy, now on duty in the Southwest Pacific.

Among the donors were two WACs, who have each given blood five times previously. One of the WACs, Cpl. Helena Kosina, donated the blood to her brother, Cpl. Frank Kosina, now on duty in the Pacific with the Army Signal Corps. Another WAC, Pfc. Elsie Senison, labeled her sixth blood donation in honor of her brother, T-5 Harold Senison, now fighting with the First Armored Division in France. WAC Cpl. Jean Smith honored her brother, Cpl. Richard Smith, now on the Italian front with her fourth donation of blood.

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REPAYING THE BLOOD PLASMA WHICH SAVED HIS LIFE after German shrapnel wounded him at the Volturno River in Italy, First Sergeant Charles Wahl of Company "E," Third Infantry of The Infantry School, gives a pint of blood. Sergeant Wahl, holder of the Purple Heart, was given plasma twice at a field hospital in Italy to save his life. He donated his blood Tuesday in honor of Captain Kenneth B. Stemmons of Kansas City, Mo., his former company commander now fighting in France with the 5th Division. Sergeant Wahl used the new label dedication plan of the American Red Cross Blood Donor Service. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Blue-clad Nurses' Aides Ease Soldiers' Suffering

The girl in blue straightened up, could use two or three times as many as are now on duty. Nurses' Aides are trained to take over many of the tasks of registered nurses. An aide can take the responsibility of registering temperatures, pulse, and respiration in a busy ward, a time consuming part of the hospital routine, that must be done at least three times a day. She can escort patients to the laboratory or x-ray, to the eye, ear, nose and throat clinic, of the dental clinic. She can make up empty beds ready for the next occupant when patients are released or transferred.

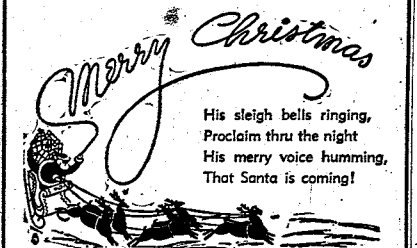
The Red Cross workshop will be closed from December 26 to January 2, it was announced Wednesday. However, blanks for applicants for the new nurses' aide class beginning in January may be obtained at the Red Cross Administration Building.

ed, rested back. For she had just finished 30 alcohol back rubs, complete with massage and talcum powder. And it was worth that slight ache in her own back to watch the boys relax, to hear their grateful, "Thank you, ma'am. Gee that feels good."

Some other morning you might have found the same girl in blue or another just like her giving bed baths and changing hot, crumpled sheets under restless bodies. Or she might be in the orthopedic ward massaging with oil fingers or toes protruding from casts to keep up circulation and prevent the skin from drying out.

NEED MORE AND MORE

Yes, you're apt to find Red Cross Nurses' Aides in their crisp blue pinfares and saucy Dutch caps in any ward in the hospital. The only trouble is the hospital



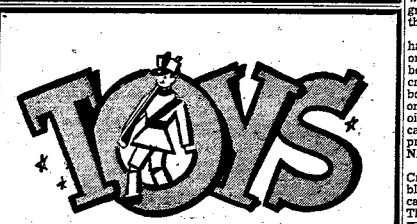
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As Commanding General of the 71st Division, I extend the greetings of the season to all personnel at Fort Benning, and their families, with the sincere wish that you all may have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I do this with the hope that none of us will forget the sacrificial demands these times are making upon us, so that the true and lasting Peace of Christmas may come again soon to our country and to the whole world.

W. G. WYMAN,
Major General, U. S. A.

country. Turnover is so rapid here on the post that twice as many aides must be trained as are ever on the rolls at any one time.

It is now possible for a nurses' aide either to volunteer as much time as she is able, or to work for a salary. Their services have been found to be so valuable that a paid aide plan has been set up so that after 150 hours of volunteer work an aide can go on a regular salary of \$1,440 a year. F. B. 2207, or Mr. Andrew T. base pay, for a 40-hour week with Knight, phone F. B. 3228. The an 8-hour a week overtime requirement that pays 21 per cent of base pay, making a total yearly salary of \$1,752. It is even possible for an aide to live at the Dispensary A.



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Post's Gremlins, Jeeps Given Football Awards

More than 150 fathers and sons—generals, colonels sergeants and their youngsters—rallied Friday night at the Polo Hunt club at Fort Benning for a gala evening, highlighted by a turkey dinner and the presentation of awards to the boys' athletic teams.

Climaxing the football season, awards were presented to the Jeeps and Gremlins football players by Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, the post commander.

Maj. Fred L. Sparks Jr., of The

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Infantry School, who also serves as director of boys' activities, and Chaplain Paul E. Buckles, post chaplain and member of the Boys' Activities council, were in charge of arrangements for the affair.

COLUMBUS QUEERS

Guests from Columbus included Clarence Ford, president of the Columbus Boys' Club; Webster Danforth, captain of the Boys' Club football team; and his teammates; Floyd Francisco and his son, Floyd Jr., represented the Wynnton Leathernecks; Scott Executive L. L. Starns and his son represented the Columbus Boy Scouts.

Also present were Mr. "Pop" Austin, director of the Recreation Department of Columbus, and Hugh Bentley, a director of the Columbus Boys' Activities Council.

Representing Baker Village boys' activities were Captain Robert Weiland and son; Lieut. Robert L. Parsons and son; and Sgt. John Edmunds and son.

Lieut. Col. Alexander H. Vezey, post Special Service officer, greeted the boys and their fathers and introduced General Hobson, who lauded the boys' activities on the post and commended all the boys who have taken part.

NO DELINQUENCY


General Hobson pointed out that at Ft. Benning there is "no such thing as juvenile delinquency, which has become a war-time problem for some larger cities."

Fourteen members of the Jeeps were presented their letters and gold footballs. The Gremlins were presented their "G" letters and members of the first two teams of Gremlins were individually awarded gold footballs. Each of the participants was presented a certificate.

Sgt. Herman J. Belgrade, coach for the Gremlins, assisted General Hobson in presenting awards to the teams.

Jeeps honored were Tom Cook, Charles Blair, Bob Perry, Bill Sharp, Donald Mathis, Edward Futch, Joe McShane, Jim Mitchell, Bob Morris, Larry Franks, Jerry

Season's Greetings



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CAPTAINS ON 'JEEPS' AND 'GREMLINS' boys football teams receive certificates and letters for grid participation at Fort Benning at the annual Father and Son Banquet. Left to right are Captain Mike Heraty of the "Gremlins" son of Col. Francis Heraty; Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, post commander; Captain Tom Cook of the "Jeeps," son of Lt. Col. James Cook; and Maj. Fred L. Sparks Jr., director of the Boys' Activities council.

16 Troopers Jump For 50,000 At Tennessee War Bond Rally

Sixteen paratroopers from The Parachute School at Fort Benning, all veterans of combat jumps overseas, staged an exhibition jump on Sunday afternoon at the Knoxville, Tenn., airport before 50,000 people to spur the sale of War Bonds in East Tennessee.

The troopers included Staff Sergeant Paul B. Huff, who has been decorated with the Medal of Honor. Staff Sgt. Huff is a native of Tennessee and has been appearing at several War Bond rallies in the state recently.

"The chutists flew to Knoxville Saturday afternoon in a C-47 transport from Lawson Field, through arrangements made with Army Air Forces for the special flight.

Accompanying the group were Capt. Richard E. Tukey, post public relations officer and First Lt. William D. Braisted, public relations officer of The Parachute School.

Second Lt. William J. O'Shea, a veteran of the Sicilian campaign, jumped with the enlisted paratroopers. Some of the men have seen action in the European Theater of Operations while the others have jumped into combat in the Southwest Pacific.

In addition to the "chutists" bailing out in the demonstration, several colored parachutes with equipment bundles were released at the show.

The veteran paratroopers who staged the jump with Lt. O'Shea were 1st Sgt. Henry W. Treadwell, Staff Sgt. Mark W. Edwards, Tech Sgt. Roy O. Bozeman, Tech 5 Lee R. Demers, Staff Shelby R. Hord, Tech 5 George G. Deyo, Pvt. John S. Webster, Cpl. Clifford Faulkner, Staff Sgt. Richard E. McCormick, Tech 5 David Madlin, Staff Sgt. Milton Galanopoulos, Pvt. Daniel Brenner, Staff Sgt. Jerome Perlman, and Pfc Alexander W. Osmand.

Death on Holiday For Raider Duo While on Furlough

Death took a holiday for two members of Co. G, 4th Infantry, The Infantry School, Lady Luck really went along with Corp. Henry J. Cauthen and Sgt. Irving Lockie while traveling recently on furlough.

Returning by plane from San Jose, Cal., Corporal Cauthen stopped at Omaha, Neb., to wait for a train. Witnesses said the plane leveling off at about a thousand feet, suddenly faltered and plummeted to the ground, killing all the passengers and crew. Corporal Cauthen then decided to return to Fort Benning to train.

Sergeant Lockie, en route home to Vallejo, Cal., escaped serious injury when a 14-car section of the west bound train he was riding was derailed. Witnesses said the car that Lockie was in was ripped open as if can openers had been used on it. More than a score of passengers were killed and injured. "I didn't get a scratch," said Lockie.

Officers Invited To Attend Atlanta Christmas Dance

The Atlanta War Hospitality Committee announces that it will sponsor a Christmas party dance for officers with supper to be served at 10 p. m. on Christmas Day. Graham Jackson's colored orchestra will play for the affair, which is scheduled for Hotel Georgia.

There will also be a New Year's Dance at the same place with Bill Clark's Orchestra playing.

Open House will be observed in the Officers' Lounge both on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with junior hostesses on duty.

Fort Benning officers who expect to be in Atlanta for either or both of the holidays are extended a cordial invitation to participate in the functions slated.

95 2d Army Men Contribute Blood

A total of 95 Second Army men donated pints of blood to the Red Cross Plasma Drive at Dispensary "A" on Tuesday, according to Major Neil R. Maxey, Adjutant, Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army.

Thirty men from the 88th Signal Operations Battalion, 30 from the Fourth Headquarters Casual Detachment, 20 from the 60th Signal Radio Intelligence Company, 10 from the 144th Quartermaster Battalion (Signal), and five from Fourth Headquarters participated, and each was permitted to sign his name on the label of the p. m. in which the plasma was placed, and to inscribe it in honor of a friend.

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At Kwajalein, Dalen's company was first ashore and established the beachhead. Here he fought gall and was awarded the Bronze Star for his actions. The decisive action of the 32nd Infantry at Kwajalein was written up in the December Infantry Journal. After this campaign, Dalen was stationed at Oahu and he returned to the States in September.

Even before Kwajalein, Candidate Dalen had opportunity for a field commission but turned it down because he figured an officer should be well versed in all subjects, and at that time did not consider that he "had enough education."

Since then the rugged and battle-wise First Sergeant has been other men from the 32nd Regiment to OCS. At the same time 18 men came here.

G. I.—"Who's the gal with the French kiosk?"
Joe—"She's my girl, and the guys hanging around aren't French."—The Clovis Compass.

POR Shows Thrill Troopers

"When shouts of 'more! more!' ring out at the conclusion of the POR shows in the Alabama training area, it's a safe bet that the boys in the audience are yelling for encores from Corporal Art 'Rudy' Rudoff of The Parachute School Band. The consistently fine performance of this comedian have gladdened the hearts and opened the eyes of many a trooper just prior to his shipping out to 'destination unknown.'

Corporal Rudoff plays the drums in the concert and dance units of The Parachute School Band. He has been with the band since its organization in December of 1943.

"Rudy" is an old hand at getting laughs from all types of audiences for that was his "bread and butter" before entering the armed forces. As a young sprout trying to find root in Brooklyn, his home, he lived in the same block with two of the greatest comedians in the history of burlesque—Harvey and Bobby Fay. To his childish mind, these brothers were the two greatest men in existence, and he began imitating them from the time he was old enough to walk.

BIG MOMENT

The "breaks of the game" seemed to go against the realization of his dreams of being a headline comedian, for some time after finishing school. However, he made his way into show business by playing drums with various dance bands. His first big opportunity came when the "emcee" in charge of the show for which his band was playing became suddenly ill and "Rudy" was told to take over. The audience's response to his subtle humor, wise-cracking at the expense of the customers and vivid stage personality soon stamped him for his real value.


2 SCREWS, 1 NUT

In due course, a trio was organized and billed as "Two Screws and a Nut" with Rudoff naturally taking the latter role. The fame of this unit spread overnight, and it was soon being featured with various burlesque units from coast to coast. "Rudy's" activities in burlesque circles eventually found him teamed up with such outstanding comedians as the inimitable "Peanuts," "Red Buttons," Tommy Mo'art and "Fleming" and "Boyz" Boz. Through the Evans and Lee Theatrical Agency in New York, "Rudy" toured most of the United States with the "Eddie White Shows," and was being featured at the La Paloma in Miami at the time of his induction.

FIELD WIDENED

Instead of limiting his activities, the Army opened many new fields for the exploitation of his talents in the field of comedy. At Fort Dix, he was a featured

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Montgomery Ward

Tuskegee Quint Wallops Tigers By 58-28 Score

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. Tuskegee's fast stepping Golden Tiger basketball players defeated the Ft. Benning Reception Center Tigers by a score of 58-28 in a hard played game at Logan Hall gymnasium here Saturday.

The young, fast moving quint started the game off with a lead which was never overcome by the Ft. Benning players.

The slippery floor placed the visiting team at a disadvantage, and observed Cpl. John Patterson, its manager, had them occupied as much with trying to stay on their feet as attempting to keep the ball.

EARLY LEAD
In the first quarter Tuskegee led with a score of 24 to 8. In the second quarter the Reception Center Tigers cut down on Tuskegee's lead but in a new team five minutes before the quarter ended and rallied to hold the score at 30 to 11.

The second team, composed of J. B. Faulk, forward; Horatio Lamar, forward; Samuel Hill, center; Allen Odum, guard; and George Thompson, guard, replaced the starting lineup consisting of Othello Wilson, forward; Oscar Pendleton, forward; Alvis Callman, center; Louis G. Evans, guard; and Lionel Newman, guard and center of the team.

ATLANTA ACES
Tuskegee's team, led by Calvin Jones and Wilbur George, two players from Atlanta who can run, jump, and throw with precision and speed, pushed the score to 43 to 14 at the end of the third quarter.

The Reception Center Tigers replaced Faulk with Haynes For and Lamar with Faulk. Newman went in for Hill and Ellis replaced Othello. Later Michael Cheatham went in for Ellis.

In the last half Tuskegee put in a second team. The GI Tigers rallied and kept the Tuskegee quint on the defensive for the better part of the game. They held 12 points, Tuskegee, 15.

PREVIOUS GAMES
The Tuskegee Tigers defeated the Meharry players by a score of 47 to 30 and lost to Fisk University 30 to 43 in the previous week in Nashville, Tenn. Tuskegee won the Southern basketball championship last year.

The Reception Center Tigers are coached by Cpl. Fred A. Hess is the officer in charge of the team. Lt. Roland Bing is assistant officer in charge.

Army-Navy Game Films to Tour Service Camps

Within the next few months, CBS Sportscaster Ted Husing will be heard by an Armed Forces movie audience estimated at some 14,000,000 by the Army Service Forces.

Ted has just completed, at the request of the Secretaries of War and of the Navy, a play-by-play commentary and description for the movie of the Army-Navy football game at Baltimore on December 2, and the film will be shown to men and women in uniform all over the world. Ted, assisted by Jimmy Dolan, covered the game, which was broadcast exclusively over the Columbia Broadcasting System and short-wave overseas.

The estimate of the prospective film audience is based on the fact that both the Army and Navy have announced that the game will be shown wherever a projector can be rigged up—at front line installations, on shipboard, in hospitals and rehabilitation centers and at practically every Army camp and Navy base in this country and overseas.

Four Matches Held In 4th Ping-Pong

Four more matches were played last week in the 4th Infantry Table Tennis Tournament.

A JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON

To All Our Friends and Customers at Fort Benning.

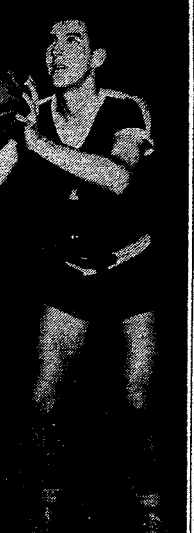
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MILT TICCO OF 5TH ... On scoring spree



With the New Year at hand—or foot—another 12 months of the American sporting scene comes to a close.

Despite the war and the military power shortage, sports were carried on almost "as usual," with football, baseball, and horseracing enjoying banner seasons. Many have thought that sports should have been suspended for the duration, but this was not the opinion of our fighting men on every front, who are battling to return to these sports and pastimes they hold precious; therefore, they wanted "em continued—and the broadcast of a Kentucky Derby or old news clippings of the World's Series lifted their morale no end.

So we say, "Keep sports soaring 'til the boys come home, then they will be home as never before in history." We see that a Floridian has invented wired bases that ring a bell when a player's cleat hits the bag. This is supposed to help the umpires call the close ones. How about a whistling ball to the runner who knows it's coming? The Boston Braves have five men in the South Pacific, including Buddy Greep, Wally Fletcher and Pitches Bill Posedel and Johnny Sain. Martin Glatz, a Marine, shortstop of the world champion St. Louis Cardinals, won the Baseball Writers' Association of America award as the most valuable player in the Nat'l League for 1944. He beat out Chicago Cubs' outfielder Billy Nicholson and his fellow Dodger, Casey Stengel, ex-pilot of the Dodgers and the Braves, was in the Navy, where he managed the Brooklyn Navy Yard team with amazing success. His system was simple: Every time a warship docked, he would hustle out to schedule a game with the crew for the following afternoon, never giving the other men a chance to recover from their sea legs. Thus, the Stengel team won ten all. Then there's the absent-minded home player, who went to a laundry instead of the track—but lost his shirt just the same!

The results: Tom Klein, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., defeated "Chief" Gabe, Co. M, 21-12; Ralph Hix, 1st Bn., Co. H, beat Dick Brewer, Service Co., 22-20; 2-3; Herb Spector, Co. F, defeated C. B. Pennington, Co. D, 21-13; 21-19; Fred Fehr, Co. F, beat Dino Ghilotti, Service Co., 21-16; 21-19.

58 Troopers Get Decorations

One Presidential Citation, ten Combat Infantry Badges and 58 Expert Infantry Badges were recently awarded 10 officers and 42 enlisted men in a parade and review held on the parade ground of the Second Parachute Training Regiment in the Alabama area. The presentations were made by Colonel George W. H. Moseley, Jr., commanding officer of the regiment.

The unit citation went to Pfc. Arthur Lund of Headquarters Detachment, 6th Battalion. His unit of the 164th Infantry was awarded for outstanding action during the battle for Guadalcanal. The Combat Infantry Badge was awarded to 42 enlisted men. The list of recipients follows: Pfc. Walter E. Edgerly, Headquarters Company, 5th Battalion.

OFFICER AWARDS
The following Expert Infantry Badges were: Major R. V. Mansfield, formerly of the 2nd Parachute Training Regiment, and Service Co., 2nd Lt. Wayne A. Bucher of Company "F," 2nd Lt. Kenneth Starnus of Headquarters Co., 5th Battalion, and the following officers from the Second Academic Co.: 1st Lt. John J. Conlon, 1st Lt. Edmund M. Donnelly, 1st Lt. Thomas H. Duffy, 1st Lt. Edward M. M. Hux, 1st Lt. Leil D. Peterson, 1st Lt. Winthrop Southmayd, 1st Lt. Richard P. Riggs, 2nd Lt. Lee Armstrong, 2nd Lt. Walter E. Edgerly, 2nd Lt. Richard Hanley, and 2nd Lt. Robert E. Teague.

ENLISTED MEN
The following enlisted men were awarded Expert Infantry Badges: Master Sergeant Joseph E. Rotondi, T-Sgt. Charles H. Harrington, T-Sgt. Frank J. Kroll, T-4 James Brown, T-4 Theodore C. Vallas, and Pvt. Joseph Parzych, all of Headquarters and Service Co. T-Sgt. George W. Dunaway.

PASS UP INVITES
Dick McPhee, plunging full-back, and Bill Meek, star quarterback, of the 4th Infantry Raiders, were both invited to play in the annual Blue-Gray game, scheduled for next week at Crampton Stadium, Montgomery, Ala. Both, however, had to pass up the invitations; McPhee because of military duties and Meek because of a knee injury suffered earlier in the season.

Three Tilts Tonight In TIS Hoop Loop

Profs, Raiders Clash In Sports Arena at 8

By SGT. JOHN T. CRONIN
Three games are scheduled tonight in The Infantry School basketball league. After tonight the teams will be idle over the holiday weekend and swing back into action Tuesday night when three more games will be played.

Tonight's games send the 5th Infantry Shields against the 78th Tankers in the Main Post gym at 7:30; the 3d Infantry Cockades against the 1st STR Wolves in the Main Post gym at 9 p. m., and the Academic Regt. Profs and the 4th Infantry Raiders will meet in the third game at the Harmony Church gym at 8 p. m.

Tuesday's games will pit the Wolves and the Profs in the Main Post gym at 7:30 p. m.; the Cockades and the Shields at 9 p. m. in the Main Post gym, and the Tankers against the Raiders at Harmony Church at 8 o'clock.

Getting back to tonight's games, neither the Cockades nor the Shields showed too much scoring power for the Tankers. The Cockades appear to be too strong for the Wolves and should win with something to spare, providing Jimmy Kelley and Harry Donabedian do some scoring.

PROFS-RAIDERS
The feature game tonight will be the meeting between the Raiders and the Profs. The Raiders appear to be the dark horse entry in the league. Gene Vance, the former Illinois "Whiz Kid," Jim Hamer, former All Southern center at the University of Alabama, and Les Peden, the former T. as A&M star, give the Raiders three outstanding players. John Partenheimer, the former Indiana star; Bill Loisel, a crack center from Creighton University, and Bill Jenkins, one time American International College star, appear to be the leading performers on the Profs. Loisel is a good shot and a fine worker.

EX-TUCKY STAR
Tico, the former University of Kentucky star now playing a forward berth for the Shields, turned out the outstanding opening day's individual performance when he scored 21 points against the Shields. Tico is an expert ball handler and a good shooter. A good shot from any part of the floor. He was the main reason why the Shields had little trouble winning 40-33.

Loisel, with 10 points, led the Profs to a 57-34 win over the Tankers. Partenheimer and Hamer, who scored 15 and 14 points, and the rest of the scoring was divided between the other players. **HIGH-SCORING GAME**
The feature game of the opening day schedules was the game between the 3d Infantry Cockades and the 4th Infantry Raiders, won by the latter, 43-44, after a bruising battle in which 35 fouls were called. The Raiders scored 15 points from the field and 14 from the foul line. The Cockades scored 13 points from the field and 11 from the foul line. The Raiders proved to be the difference between victory and defeat.

The Raiders took the lead and held it until six minutes were left in the final period. However, after Donabedian put the Cockades into the game, they rallied and regained the lead and held it to the end.

These teams will play a return game in the Main Post gym on Sunday, Dec. 31, and it should be a duplicate of the first.

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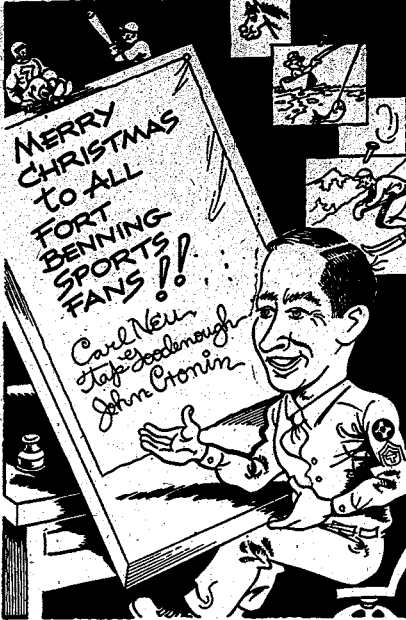
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SPORTRAIT -- By 'TAP'



Wacademics Continue Their Winning Ways

Continuing their clean sweep of victories over the Columbus Industrial women's basketball league teams, the WACADemics of WAC Detachment One, The Infantry School, met their toughest competition to date when they defeated the Bibb City Manufacturers 40 to 24 at the Bibb City auditorium last Saturday night. Earlier in the week they had won their third Columbus game by trouncing the Columbus Manufacturers 40 to 24.

CLEANSE FOREST OF HITLER'S PRESENCE
PARIS, France (ALNS)—A cleansing ceremony was held in the famous Forest of Compiègne, where the Germans surrendered to the Allies in 1918, and where France was forced to surrender to the Germans in 1940.

As part of the Armistice observance, a torch was placed in the eternal flame at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and was carried by a relay of runners to the Compiègne Forest, where it was lit. The runners were lighted to "cleanse the place of the presence of Hitler, who forced the French to sign a humiliating Armistice in 1940."

MEDICAL JOURNAL'S CURE FOR HANGOVER
LONDON, England (ALNS)—The British Medical Journal in its late issue recommends for a hangover: A bottle of Vichy water, a glass of cold water, a glass of cold water containing a teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda upon arising, followed by a cold bath, and then breakfast, to be eaten no matter how revolting it may be. As a final touch—but only in case the patient is not planning to drive his car or fly his plane—a small dose of the "hair of the dog," which is a short snort of the stuff that made you require the treatment.

Police & Prison Co.; S-Sgt. Russell W. Dunn and Cpl. William R. Jenkins of Company "C," T-4 Joseph E. Cannon of Company "W," T-4 Charles Chappel, Jr., of Company "C," Pfc. Mickey E. Shaw and Sgt. Robert A. Dougherty of the 5th Battalion; Pvt. Henry Metter, Jr., Company "B," and First Sgt. William E. Long, of Company "N."

The following enlisted men from the Second Academic Co. were awarded Expert Infantry Badges: M-Sgt. James B. Graham, M-Sgt. David R. Weidenhaft, T-Sgt. Hershel E. Boush, T-Sgt. Douglas W. Horlan, S-Sgt. Fred L. Johnson, S-Sgt. John M. Knight, S-Sgt. Phillip Mason, S-Sgt. Edward E. Hill, S-Sgt. Edward E. Keith, S-Sgt. Raymond P. LeBlanc, Sgt. Wayne B. Conwell, Sgt. Hartley A. Graves, Sgt. Frank J. Jenger, Sgt. Donald G. McRae, Sgt. Emil F. Nord, Sgt. Carl F. Roehrbach, Sgt. Wendell E. Young, Sgt. Beauman E. Gibson, Sgt. Thomas A. Hamilton, Sgt. George W. Kelly, Sgt. James R. Milwood, Sgt. Orville E. Peterson, Sgt. V. D. Schuberger, Sgt. Kenneth W. York, and Sgt. Julius L. Whitehead.

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SCHWOBILT

BROADWAY AT 10TH BROADWAY AT 13TH

Tiger Gridmen Receive Service League Trophy

Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, commanding general of Fort Benning, presented the championship football trophy to the Reception Center Tigers at the annual banquet held at the 24th Infantry gymnasium Friday night in honor of the team's triumphant victories during the football season this year.

In presenting the trophy to Cpl. Lawrence Gaines, captain of the Tigers, Gen. Hobson paid tribute to the players for their excellent performance and sportsmanship. He pointed out that it took ability, courage, and teamwork to produce a record of victories that the team made this year.

The attractive trophy was given to the winning team by the Fort Benning Athletic association. VEAZEY TALKS Col. Alexander Vezay, post athletic officer, praised the players and congratulated Capt. Charles R. Houghland, who coached the Reception Center eleven through the season's games.

The Tigers football team, made up of some of the nation's top executive officers, won only one out of the 10 games played. The Infantry School Rockets, runners-up in the championship, lost two games this season. Among the officers present at the presentation ceremony were Col. John P. Edgerly, commanding officer of the Reception Center; Maj. Robert P. Langley, commanding officer of the 2nd Army Bond Sales; Col. Ernest J. STU; Lt. Col. Frederick A. Fitcher, commanding officer of the 1st Battalion of the STU; Capt. John H. Houghland, coach and commanding officer of Headquarters Co. Reception Center; Capt. Richard E. Tukey, Public Relations Officer; and Capt. Robert M. Reynolds, Reception Center Special services officer.

SEVEN WINS The gridiron Tigers, organized by Capt. Houghland, former ace of Notre Dame, scored seven victories over both college and army teams and tied two games to win the Service Conference title.

The Tigers put their might against the Infantry School Rockets in Alumni Stadium at Tuskegee, Ala., in the first game of the season to win by a score of 19 to 15. Two consecutive ties with the Infantry Rockets and the Tuskegee AAF Warhawks checked the driving force of the Tigers momentarily. The Infantry Rockets held the Tigers to a score of seven to seven while the Warhawks held them to a scoreless tie in the Doughboy stadium at Ft. Benning. The Tigers and Warhawks, playing to a capacity crowd, demonstrated considerable line power as they drove through 60 minutes of tough playing.

It was a score of 9 to 0 when the Tigers beat the Daniel Field Red Devils at Augusta, Ga.

ONLY DEFEAT The trip to Tampa, Fla., brought the Reception Center eleven a 15 to 0 victory over McMill Field. They met the Morehouse college eleven in Atlanta and trounced them by a score of 27 to 0. The Tuskegee Warhawks in a second game broke through the Tigers' line in Columbus, Ga., for the only defeat which they sustained. The game ended, Warhawks 7, Tigers 6.

Gathering power and precision the Tigers whipped Daniel Field in a second game by a score of 25 to 0 and dazed the Rockets in the which followed, 16 to 0. The final game, played in Atlanta against the Atlanta All-Stars found the Tigers still winning by a score of 19 to 12.

Players who make up the Tiger football team and the institutions with which they formerly played are S-Sgt. Franklin Banks, quarterback, Bluefield, T-5 issue Brown, halfback, Alabama State; S-Sgt. Louis Crews, quarterback, Alabama A. and M.; Cpl. Alphonza Gordon, halfback, Alabama State; T-4 Le Harrison, Florida A. and M.; T-5 George Hollingsworth, halfback, Morris Brown; First Sergeant Cleveland Johnson, half-

back, New Orleans, La.; Pvt. Clemenceau Maultsby, halfback, Tuskegee Institute; Pvt. Hanes F. Oliver, halfback, Gibbs High school; Pfc. Ralph Pruitt, fullback, Talladega; T-5 Nathaniel Smith, halfback, Alabama A. and M.; Sgt. Albert Wilson, quarterback, Georgia State; S-Sgt. James H. Williams, quarterback, Morris Brown; Sgt. Macon Williams, halfback, Florida A. and M.; T-5 T. W. Blunt, end, Georgia State; Lawrence Gaines, end, Alabama A. and M.; Pvt. Donnie Harris, end, B.T.W. High school, Atlanta, Ga.; Pfc. Houston Langham, end, Alabama A. and M.; T-5 Herchel Seits, end, Tuskegee; Pfc. William H. Turner, end, Morris Brown; Cpl. Reynolds Davis, center, Morris Brown; Sgt. George Hall, center, Straight; Sgt. Sanford Smith, center, Morehouse; Cpl. Richmond Burrell, guard, Rome college; T-5 John H. Martin, guard, Georgia State; Pfc. Urie Martin, guard, Brown; Pfc. John H. White, guard, Morris Brown; Sgt. Robert Williams, guard, Morris Brown; S-Sgt. Alex Shepard, guard, Morris Brown; Cpl. Pete Brown, tackle, Wilberforce; Cpl. J. C. Gardner, tackle, Florida A. and M.; Cpl. Joseph Hawkins, tackle, Rust College; Pfc. Hartshorne Lee, tackle, Florida A. and M.; Cpl. E. S. Brown, tackle, Morris Brown; and Cpl. Claude Watson, tackle, Alcorn.

John H. Martin, a civilian student, played in the classification section of the Reception Center, was assistant coach of the Tigers. He is a former All-American back and linebacker from Alabama State Teachers college.

"Well done. Keep up the good work," what Capt. Jennette Miller, Post War Officer, had to say concerning the Sixth War Loan drive of Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army, conducted by War Bond Officer Lt. Seymour Propp. Nearly six thousand dollars in individual purchases of bonds had been reported for the period beginning November 16 and ending November 30, along with an increase of nearly \$1,500 in new allotments and a boost of over \$100 in renewals of old ones. Sparked by an energetic campaign, participation in the drive jumped to a mark of 18.5 per cent among Second Army men, as compared with an 11 per cent figure on October 31, the day before the drive began.

Colonel Ernest A. Tabcock, Commanding Officer of Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army, has personally signed certificates to attest to each and every bond bought for the drive. The drive, Lt. Propp has conducted a vigorous campaign to make enlisted men and officers aware of the importance of saving and for aiding the war effort which purchases of bonds entail. The extreme suitability of bonds for Christmas gifts has also been emphasized, with special gift cards and envelopes distributed to all Second Army units at Fort Benning.

Particularly successful was the method for sale of bonds used by the Signal Operations Battalion, which sponsored the drive in competition in sales, with each company trying hard to outdo the others. It is expected by Lt. Propp that sales throughout Second Army will increase very much during the remainder of the month of December, as the holidays approach.

WOLVES-TANKERS With Bob Montag scoring 16 points and Jim Baer contributing 14, the 1st STR Wolves had little

BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM H. HOBSON, commanding general of Fort Benning, presenting the championship trophy to Corporal Lawrence Gaines, captain of the Fort Benning Reception Center Tigers football team which won the post football championship this season. The ceremonies were conducted at a banquet held at the 24th Infantry gymnasium at Fort Benning in honor of the Tigers. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Cockade Served With Merrill's Famed Fighters

Ten months with one of the hardest hitting combat teams in the American Army gave Cpl. Karl E. Parsons of Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 3d Infantry Regiment, of the Infantry School at Fort Benning, heart with the Oak Leaf Cluster and a one-way trip to the States. When the call went out for volunteers to form a provisional regiment, with the mission to get behind Jap lines and throw them off balance so the Chinese could launch their stalled attack, Corporal Parsons stepped forward and joined that now legendary group, Merrill's Marauders. The Battalion of the Regiment was divided into two combat teams of 400 men each. A Pioneer and Demolition Platoon took care of the engineering tasks of the unit, and each team had an I & R Platoon which operated from 20 to 40 miles in advance of the main force, all while behind Jap lines. In order to have as hard hitting a unit as possible automatic weapons were the order of the day. The Battalion of the Regiment carried three or four Tommy Guns, and the rest carbines or M-1's.

They jumped off and flanked the Japanese lines, then cut in behind them. One hundred and twenty-five miles in three weeks through the dense Burma jungle. 10 HIT-RUN MONTHS Ten months of hit and run fighting followed. Establishing a habit of day supply lines, holding them for a few days, and withdrawing when the Nips brought up overwhelming forces. The physical strain on the men was constant. Marching miles and miles, day after day, through the dense jungle, followed by a few days of rest, and then on the march again.

Yet, despite the fact they were behind Jap lines, often surrounded by them, the men of the Battalion were able to keep their organization and the tremendous firepower they carried.

It was not a good marksmanship group, an aerial transportation corps was established. Supplies were flown in, and all wounded men were taken to the rear, which constantly shuttled in and out of the interior. Corporal Parsons asserts that the Jap is not a good marksman and his 25 caliber rifle when it does hit you is not as effective as the larger weapon he uses. The Chinese and Japs like to charge with the bayonet, but the Marauders used them only to open C-rations. They developed their own attack technique; to crawl up to a defense position, draw the fire of the Japanese, withdraw and call mortar on the enemy heavy weapons revealed, repeating the procedure until the main defense was silenced. They then crept up as close as possible and charged with "spray guns," their term for BARs and Tommy guns. WOVN PUPPLE HEART It was at Ngun Ga that Parsons won his Purple Heart. Two combat teams were separated and surrounded by the Nips, and their unit tried to drive in and save them. On the final attack, which drove the Nips from the hill, a base hospital before returning to the next time in the leg.

Parsons spent eight weeks in a base hospital before returning to the front. He is now a member of General Stilwell's personal I & R Platoon, and is leading on the way to join the Third Infantry, after 30 months overseas. Corporal Johnson hails from Akron, Ohio, where he is a salesman in civilian life. Parsons plans to use the GI Bill of Rights to buy a home and start a business on his own after the war, following, of course, a trip to the altar.

SHIELDS (Continued from Page 6) met three times to put the Cockade out front. The teams were tied at 4-4 at the end of the first period and left the floor at half time with the Wolves leading 14-12. The Prof's continued to lead at the end of the third period, 24-22. Joe Loisel had 10 points to lead the Wolves, and Joe Vulcan came through with six.

Post-war Business Field Outlined in 'Esquire' Story

Yanks fighting the battle of freedom around the world can take it, hand it out, think fast, move fast and get results. And that's about what it takes to click in small business, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Gus Larson in his article, "Small Business For The Yanks" in the January issue of Esquire. The fighting man's G.I. Bill of Rights is at work again... this time it offers to set you up in your own business when you get back into civvies. Uncle Sam has arranged for the veteran to borrow money amounting to half the purchase price of the business he wants to start... but the guaranteed part of the loan must not exceed \$2,000. The balance of the loan is to be repaid by the returning serviceman, except someone for a loan he'll have Uncle Sam backing his payment. The interest won't be over ten per cent and the loan will be payable in full in not more than twenty years. An especially good feature about Uncle Sam's backing of the loan is that the veteran will probably be able to borrow more than half the original cost of his business. With half the loan covered by the Government, points out Esquire, the lender probably won't hesitate loaning more than the guaranteed amount.

Suppose the veteran bought a sawmill at a cost of about one thousand dollars and that he borrowed five hundred as a take-off. After the returning serviceman needed a little cash, he would be able to get a second loan of not more than two hundred dollars or twenty per cent of the original purchase price of his business. Also, the interest charges on the second loan wouldn't be as high as the first, because the veteran would be eligible for this small business boost if he served in active service from September 16, 1940, and before the end of the present war, and if he was honorably discharged or retired from the service of ninety days or more. If he was released for injury or disability incurred in service in line of duty, he is eligible.

EDUCATION TOO But the G.I. Bill does more than this for business-minded boys. The bill offers first-rate business education opportunities. The U. S. Armed Forces Institute at Madison, Wisconsin, serves men wherever they may be through correspondence courses. The courses give a nice overall shot at the kinds of business, at the problems of starting and managing the business with you, the serviceman is discharged. He shouldn't forget the many good business schools. The G.I. Bill may set him up for up to four years of college or vocational school work, says Esquire.

Want some ideas for small businesses? Pick up a few good, fat books from the GI Bill directory and through the classifieds. You'll get through ideas to keep you busy planning and starting your new business. There are 2,000,000 small businesses in this country... 50,000 big ones. The small ones employ 46 per cent of all workers. Which are increasing in number? Service trades, amusement services, hotels and tourist facilities increase by 42,000 establishments from 1929 to 1939. Small industries by 350,000; finance, insurance and real estate by 100,000; manufacturing by 100,000; and construction declined. Looking to the growing ones... the de-skilled ones may stay on the skirts. Many ex-flyers will want to use what they've learned in their AIR-TRUCKING. What about getting together a few C-47's or C-54's and setting up an air trucking service? Fruits and vegetables and other products, big-city markets, suggests ESQUIRE. The vegetables could be harvested in the morning, pre-cooled in the afternoon, loaded in the evening, transported to Chicago or other markets before trouble winning over the Tankers, 57-42. The Wolves led 25-13 at the end of the first half and increased their scoring tempo in the second half when Montag and Baer found the hoop with consistent regularity.

The Tankers, thanks to some excellent shooting by Imboby managed to stay in the game, but lacked sufficient scoring power to overcome the Wolves.

Second Army's Casual Outfit In Constant Flux

There are some who say New York City's Times Square is the "cross roads" of the world—but that also holds true for the Casual Training Detachment, 4th Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army.

The roads of the world might not cross in the Casual Detachment, but the ebb and flow of soldiers from every branch of the service, and from every theater of operations, meet in the 4th Headquarters outfit.

The detachment, commanded by Major W. W. Rester, is something of a major madhouse to the uninitiated observer. Seemingly, the complete military discipline prevails. The detachment members are assigned to platoons as soon as they arrive in the 4th Headquarters Quarrel. Some are placed on permanent fatigue details, carrying out necessary work about the camp—then there is the inevitable guard and K. P. duty to be done. Others are assigned to various Headquarters tasks, for their daily duty.

First Sergeant F. E. Van Fleet, the Casuals' top-kick, has a unique problem in that his Company personnel is always changing. He wears a perpetually harassed expression, but accepts his fate philosophically as being part of the job.

Men in the Casual Detachment are placed in three general classifications: "D," "R," and "C." "D" classification is applied to men disqualified for overseas duty or earmarked for separation and discharge. Class "R" covers any man with remedial defects. Class "C" are men qualified for active service anywhere, and are being reassigned to line outfits.

Men come and go through the Casual Detachment in endless streams. The faces change almost daily. It can be safely said that if Times Square is the "cross-roads" of the world, the Second Army Casual Detachment is the cross-roads of Fort Benning.

readers. Taken as a whole, they have presented, in a humorous vein, the development of the battalion from activation last Spring through basic training, advanced training, and finally to the present ready to complete its mission.

ALASKAN FRONTIER Restless boys will be interested in rugged stuff like Alaska. There will be some small business opportunities there, too. Finding out what people complain about gives you a few angles. Some travelers don't like the steamship service, the bus service, travel itineraries and high hotel rates. As a playground, Alaska has a big future. Some veterans may find good business opportunities in hunting and fishing camps, planning travel itineraries, setting up over-night spots and rest camps, or running hotels. When new countries like Alaska are growing, veterans are needed. They are always short of beauty shops, drug stores, movies, newspapers, and restaurants.

It is the time to absorb as much background information as possible, says author Larson. The Department of Commerce, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Cash Register Corporation, manufacturers of store and office equipment, trade associations and credit bureaus provide numerous fact-filled publications on the selection of business sites, planning your business, and credit ratings in retail businesses and many other of these publications are free.

When you actually decide on a specific spot, concludes ESQUIRE, get someone who has background in your kind of business to look into the details with you. Talk also to men in different businesses and get their slants. A few talks with different sorts may help a lot.

Fredendall Praises 2nd Army Troops On Soldier Voting

A commendation for the handling of soldier voting during the post election has been given to Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army, here at Fort Benning, by Lieutenant General L. R. Fredendall, Commanding General of the Second Army.

"The handling of all matters pertaining to soldier voting, by your Headquarters was especially good," General Fredendall said in a letter to Colonel Ernest A. Tabcock, Fourth Headquarters Commanding Officer. "I commend all officers and men of your unit who participate in the successful accomplishment of this difficult and important work."

Soldier voting officers were appointed in each Second Army unit at Fort Benning, and care was tak-

en to make certain that every officer and enlisted man was fully advised of the voting procedure in his state.

The "walkie-talkie" portable radio telephone, developed during the war, will provide constant communication after the war. For instance, you may call your husband while he's driving home from work to tell him to stop at the grocery store for a loaf of bread.

Princess Margaret of England has been wearing her big sister's hand-me-downs since the war began.

Post-war prospect: Motor skates that run 100 miles on a gallon of gas, recommended for girls who want to go places in a hurry.

Rub oil or cream into the hands before victory gardening. This prevents dirt from getting into the pores of hands and softens cuticles.

An Army Wife Shops In Columbus

By Phyllis

MAURICE'S PHOTO STUDIO, as was expected, has already captured the attention of most of Fort Benning. Being conveniently located in a brightly decorated room in the Main Theater Building, no doubt, has something to do with it. But the main reason for the popularity of this photographic studio is the expert knowledge of the art of photographing, combined with painstaking earnestness in each portrait being a masterpiece. For reasonably priced, lifelike photographs, visit Maurice's Photo Studio in the Main Theater.

Both floors of the J. A. KIRVEN COMPANY are glittering with countless bits of ersey, crepe and the ever popular net. Evening bags and sparkling jewelry are offered on the main floor. Wists of dancing slippers are being worn by the girls in the evening wraps and frocks. To add the final fling to you and your holiday costume, intoxicating perfumes are prettily displayed in the cosmetic section of this super-fashion store.

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Modern Chaplains Are Circuit Riders—By Jeeps!

Army chaplains have become circuit-riders, re-enacting the exploits of the pioneer ministers who rode horseback from one church or community to another to hold religious services, according to Chaplain (Colonel) Ralph W. Rogers, chief of chaplains of the Fourth Service Command.

There's a difference, though, for the Army chaplains ride in jeeps and their congregations are German Prisoners of War held in base or branch camps throughout the seven southeastern states. The circuit riding of the Army chaplains is made necessary to provide religious ministrations to the prisoners in accordance with the terms of the Geneva Convention, international code by which PWs are governed.

An example of the typical modern jeep-riding circuit chaplain is Chaplain Roderick MacEachen, stationed at Fort Benning Prisoner of War Camp. At the Fort Benning base camp

are two prisoner of war clergy-men, approved by their respective Lutheran and Catholic superiors. They live in the compound, sharing some prison life as their fellow-PWs. On Sundays they carry out a mutually agreeable religious service in the base camp.

On Monday morning the two PW chaplains start out with Chaplain MacEachen which takes them to the six branch PW camps at Americus, Bainbridge, Fargo, Moody Field, Spauld Field and Turner Field, all in southwestern Georgia, then back



"PARISH PRIEST" BECOMES JEEP-RIDING "CIRCUIT PADRE" as Chaplain Roderick MacEachen, of the Fort Benning Prisoner of War Camp discusses bi-weekly tour of the auxiliary PW Camps in Southwestern Georgia with Col. George M. Chescheir, PW Camp Commandant. Seated in the Jeep labeled "The Padre" along with Chaplain MacEachen are two PW assistants, one a Catholic and the other a Lutheran clergyman, Col. Chescheir, extreme right, gives last minute instructions. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

to Fort Benning for another service on Sunday.

In some instances, as at Fort Benning, there are six or seven branch camps attached to one base camp. This arrangement enables the Army to get the maximum of labor from the prisoners without loss of time in long transportation hauls by distributing them in branch camps near the places where manpower is most needed. Chaplain Rogers explains, adding that this is fine for the Army but gives the chaplains a real job to provide adequate religious services to the scattered prisoners.

"The only way to solve the problem," says Chaplain Rogers, "is circuit-riding. The chaplain often has the assistance of prisoner of war clergymen, both Protestant and Catholic, as at Fort Benning. Together they travel from camp to camp, arrange for services for both religious groups and offer any spiritual comfort possible."

PRISONERS RESPOND
Chaplain MacEachen of Fort Benning speaks German. In most cases the prisoner of war clergymen conduct the services under the direction of the chaplain but in some instances the chaplain carries on alone. Commanding officers of the camps co-operate by supplying transportation, meals and lodging.

The response of the German prisoners to the efforts of the traveling chaplains is generally good when they realize that the chaplain and his assistants are interested in their religious and spiritual welfare, say the reports reaching Chaplain Rogers' office.

An effort is made to complete an average circuit every week, if possible, or every two weeks at the outside to carry this strictly religious program to every camp in the Fourth Service Command.

PADRE TRANSFERRED
Transfer of Chaplain (Captain) Roderick MacEachen of the Prisoner of War Camp to a post as assistant chief of chaplains for the Fourth Service Command at Fort Benning was announced today by Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, post commander.

Chaplain MacEachen served at the Fort Benning Prisoner of War Camp from August 24, 1942, as major, joining the Faculty Board of the Infantry School. Teaching the course in leadership, he has addressed an estimated 75,000 persons, most of them officer candidates or officers attending the basic or advanced courses for Infantry officers.

He relates his experiences of the first World War in one of the most popular classes in the school's curriculum. The purpose of the course is to prepare men mentally to lead other men in battle, and, although he is working

TIS Instructor Still Ranks Among U.S. Top War Heroes

The bravery awards of a hero of World War I were almost paralleled recently when Capt. Maurice L. (Footsie) Britt, Infantry, had pinned on him the Distinguished Service Cross by Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker on the steps of the New York Public Library during a War Bond rally on Pearl Harbor Day.

Captain Britt became one of the first American soldiers in this war to win the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, and Silver Star—the Army's highest awards for gallantry in combat.

The World War I hero, who accomplished the feat, was Second Lieut. Samuel I. Parker, Monroe, N. C., now a lieutenant colonel instructing a leadership course in The Infantry School, of which General Walker is the Commandant. Colonel Parker has the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, and Silver Star, with one leaf cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star. He also wears the French decoration conferred on his bravery during the Fourragere.

YEARS LATE WITH LAST
Not until May 7, 1936, did Colonel Parker receive the final honors for his heroism. Previously he had held the DSC and Silver Star with two oak leaf clusters, but a review board studied the case of one of his Silver Star awards—his taking command of a disorganized group of French Colonials and leading them in the capture of a rock quarry—and decided that his deeds deserved the Medal of Honor.

That action occurred on July 18, 1918, in the Battle of Soissons. The Distinguished Service Cross was won in the Battle of the Argonne for rushing a machine gun nest on October 5, 1918. He won a Silver Star at Soissons on July 19, 1918, for his action in the capture of the heights near Poisy. His other Silver Star citation was for his bravery between October 1-11, in the Argonne, where he captured a machine gun nest.

RETURNS AS MAJOR
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Bernger, who has served in the Third Student Training Regimental area, has succeeded Chaplain MacEachen.

Famed Artist Now Illustrates TIS Manuals

Sgt. Angelo Franco, whose posters hang in every camp in Alaska and who designed the polar bear-and-star patch worn by GIs from Nome to the Aleutians, is now illustrating manuals for the training literature and visual aids section of The Infantry School.

Behind his assignment here to the Academic Regiment is the story of his rise from obscurity as a company sign painter to renown as one of the best artists in the service.

Back in the early days of the war Private First Class Franco was lettering signs for one of the first companies of engineers to reach Alaska. On the side he helped out the war bond office by painting a few posters. One of these was so well liked by Alaska headquarters that it was reproduced for distribution throughout the command.

A few days later Franco was transferred to department headquarters as staff artist for the bonds and insurance officer, and turned out a steady stream of posters, lantern slides and stage settings.

DESIGNS PATCH
His biggest assignment, however, was designing the small little patch now issued for the numerous "outer garments" worn in Alaska and the Aleutians. "The background is the medium blue used in the official Alaskan flag," Franco says. "The yellow star is the North Star. The polar bear was suggested as the main figure but I had a job getting a good mode one that could be reproduced simply and with little detail."

After a "big bear hunt" he finally "sighted" his prey—hanging (stuffed) on the wall of the Elks Club in Anchorage.

"He was a Kodiak bear, a natural for reproduction on the small scale of a shoulder patch. A few strokes of red for lips and tongue, white for four and a little black for shading and he was almost ready to sew on."

SYMBOLISM SEEN
After the patch became "general issue" in the department many art critics saw in it a symbolism which Franco himself had not conceived. The bear, growing hungrily under the North Star, is also supposed to represent Ursa Major, or the "Big Bear" in the

heavens that paces around the North Star. But Franco confesses that when he painted the patch he knew of that constellation only as the "Big Dipper."

When Franco's tour for rotation came up it was natural that he should be assigned to an important job like working on training manuals. Although he's glad to be back in the States, he's also glad to know that once again, when the manuals are issued in Alaska, his work will reach his old buddies of the northernmost department.

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Surviving German tank crewmen can testify to the deadliness of the American army's powerful 57-millimeter anti-tank gun. They also undoubtedly have words of begrudging praise for the weapon's accuracy, but in case they don't, The Infantry School this week offered evidence of the gun's bulls-eye capacity.

Cpl. Alexander P. Belinsky, of 946 Sylvan St., Camden, N. J., expert 57-mm. anti-tank gunner of the 3d Battalion, 3d Infantry, an Infantry School troop unit, observed a hawk perched 125 yards away on a tree branch at London firing range. He dropped into the gunner's position at one of the anti-tank guns—within which was mounted a mechanism for firing caliber .22 rifle bullets—elevated the gun's muzzle, drew a bead through sights designed for aiming at tanks, and brought the bird, a 12-pound hawk, to earth.

400,000 PRISONERS TAKEN BY U.S. ARMY
LONDON, England—(ALNS)—Of the 570,185 Axis prisoners captured by Allied forces on the European front since D-Day, the four American armies in the field caught over 400,000 of them. Here is the score: First U. S. Army, 194,718; Third U. S. Army, 98,185; Seventh U. S. Army, 90,000; Ninth U. S. Army, 19,312; Second British Army, 78,881; First Canadian Army, 75,392; the French Forces of the Interior (F.F.I.) with British and Canadian units took 18,927.

The above totals do not include prisoners taken by the Allied Airborne Force or by the French Army in action near Belfort.

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Trooper Cook Has Silver Star For Gallantry

Sgt. Frank A. Ziola, cook in the 7th Battalion, Second Parachute Training Regiment, is held in high regard for his culinary ability, by members of his organization. Daily, Sergeant Ziola is the recipient of compliments for his cooking. Particularly pleasing were the comments on Thanksgiving Day, when the organization was served the traditional bird with trimmings.

Clothes do not make the man, nor indicate his accomplishments. Dressed in T-shirt and apron, with white cook's hat, Sergeant Ziola presented a picture of the typical Army cook.

But Sergeant Ziola is more than a good cook, he is a good soldier in every sense of the word, as evidenced by the ribbons he has earned the right to wear on his "A" uniform.

MUCH DECORATED
On the left side of the blouse is the Silver Star, Combat Infantryman's Badge, European Theater with four stars, Pre-Pearl Harbor and Good Conduct Ribbons. On the right, the Presidential Unit

Citation plus an Oak Leaf Cluster. The fact that there is no Purple Heart ribbon, according to Sergeant Ziola, was just a "happencence."

In the sergeant's foot locker lies the Citation which came with the Silver Star. Signed by Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, it reads:

"FRANK A. ZIOLA (32157756) Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, 3rd Ranger Infantry Battalion. For Gallantry in action, on 12 September 1943, at Mount Chiama, Italy, Technician Fourth Grade Ziola, ordinarily a cook, served voluntarily with the medical detachment as a litter bearer. During an enemy counter-attack, supported by heavy artillery and mortar fire, he carried many casualties to the battalion aid station for treatment. With complete disregard for his own safety, he made trip after trip to give aid and comfort to his own comrades. The promptness and speed with which he gave first aid and evacuated the wounded resulted in saving many lives. His courageous performance under fire was an important factor in maintaining the high morale of his comrades. Entered military service from South Amboy, New Jersey."

Upon being congratulated, Sergeant Ziola remarked: "We put everything we had into it."

The Hungarian city of Szeged is of prehistoric origin.

Caracas, the capital of Venezuela, was founded in 1567.



"IMPROVISE" IS A WELL-KNOWN WORD and two soldiers in the above photo are earnestly at work making decorations to brighten the Yuletide in ASF Regional Hospital. The program is part of the Reconditioning Service which utilizes the leisure time of patients for creative work. The soldier on the left is putting "star-dust" on little imitation stellae, while his companion on the right daubs paint on pine cones to give the effect of snow for the sunny Georgia Christmas season. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Prof Duo Epitomizes 'Exemplary Conduct'

What the Army means by "exemplary conduct in action against the enemy" is illustrated in the stories of Corporals William J. Borough and Henry A. Wetzel, two soldiers who were decorated with the Combat Infantryman Badge at a recent formation of Company A, Academic Regiment, The Infantry School.

When Corporal Borough went into action for the first time he says he "was paralyzed at the thought of taking a human life." But some buddy gave him a kick that brought him to his senses, and in a few seconds he had killed his first Jap with a burst from his Browning automatic rifle.

"From then on I knew hesitation meant the lives of my buddies," Borough says, and from then on he was eligible for the Combat Infantryman Badge. "I couldn't get enough Japs after awhile."

He's certain he accounted for at least one other Son of Heaven, a sentry who collapsed without a sound after Borough clipped him on the temple with his fist. Borough wears the Purple Heart for wounds in the hip and ankle caused by shrapnel from a Jap shell. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Borough of 6927 South Oglesby avenue, Chicago, he is now assigned to The Infantry School headquarters as a staff driver.

Corporal Wetzel earned his Badge for "exemplary conduct" as an assistant machine gunner. One day, after the crew had completed camouflaging its position, a Jap sniper fired at Wetzel. The bullet missed and hit the receiver of the gun, showering dozens of metal bolts into the flesh of Wetzel's hand. Although unable to continue as second gunner, he refused to report his injuries and continued in action as an ammunition carrier. His wounds were discovered next day when he was ordered to take another injured soldier back to the aid station.

Wetzel, who also wears the Purple Heart, now works in the information section of the school. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wetzel of Red Bud, Ill., he now resides with his wife, the former Miss Marjorie Loehke of Hannibal, Mo., at 3440 Benning Boulevard, Columbus, Ga.

'Jap War To Be Long, Violent'

His year and a half overseas, fighting as an Army battery commander on New Guinea and leading a platoon of Marines on Guadalcanal, have convinced Lt. Chester C. Speers of the Academic Regiment that the war with Japan will be "long, complicated and violent."

"But we will win decisively, because our men are more intelligent, more consistent in their reasoning, and work better in combat teams," says the lieutenant, who wears the Presidential Unit Citation and Purple Heart with two oak leaf clusters.

At Fort Morehead, where the Allies endured furious air attacks to keep their first finger-hold on New Guinea, Lt. Speers commanded a battery of anti-aircraft artillery. His men suffered 32 casualties while bringing down five Japanese planes. Once they were in their guns for 21 hours straight. During one of these heavy strafing and bombing raids Lt. Speers himself was wounded for the first time.

BOMBED OUT
"One of my gun sergeants was knocked out," he recalls, "and I pulled a man off another gun to replace him. Just then a Jap plane flew in almost directly over the battery. Unfortunately for us its bomb hit the top of a coconut tree, 50 feet up, scattering shrapnel over a wide area."

The lieutenant was hospitalized with a head wound for two weeks in New Zealand, and then embarked as troop commander of a transport. When he arrived at Guadalcanal he was put in command of a platoon of Marines during the bitter fight for Henderson Field.

"We infiltrated forward each night and tried to sleep between one and four in the morning. When we woke up we always found the Japs within 20 feet of us, sometimes in back of us, up in the trees or dug in."

"One night we were trying to take care of three Japanese machine-gun nests. We closed in on the first, and while we were clearing it out a sniper got men in the leg. We started work on the second, and another sniper got me in the back. I woke up three days later on a stretcher."

JAPS INFERIOR
Guadalcanal was where Lt. Speers observed that Japanese soldiers are in many respects inferior to the Americans.

"They can figure out what will succeed and what will fail. Their action is not very consistent. You get ready for a tough fight with machine-gun position and they all come running out. Then you attack the next one and they die to the last man. They show little understanding of the value of working together."

In the summer of 1943 Lt. Speer returned to the States, helped to train a new anti-aircraft battalion and then requested transfer to the Infantry. He is now junior officer of B Company, Academic Regiment, The Infantry School.

A graduate of the University of Southern California with a degree in civil engineering, he enlisted in 1938 and was commissioned in 1941 after serving in Hawaii, China and the Philippines. Son of L. H. Speers of Dill, Okla., he now resides with his wife at 15 Allison avenue, Columbus, Ga.

MAJOR ASKREN
The number of majors in 2nd Company, 1st S. T. R., has been increased by one with the promotion of William E. Askren of Carey, Kan., to the field grade.

Major Askren, now completing his sixth year of active service, entered the Army on July 4, 1939 as a platoon leader with the 3rd Infantry. He later saw service with the 35th Division, both at Hawaii and Guadalcanal. Returned to the states he has been stationed for the past year at Camp Wolters, Texas.

To increase the comfort of your home this winter, put a supply of water on the heating stove and allow to evaporate slowly.

Wetzel's Combat Infantryman Badges was made by Lieutenant Eric U. Cavell after the orders were read by 1st Sgt. Raymond W. MacDonald.

Song Writer On Air Tonight

Bernie Bennett, composer, pianist-comedian of the Second Army Dance Band, and Jack Gorman, song stylist of the band, will combine their talents tonight on the "Thursday Night" edition of "Fort Benning on the Air," over radio station WRBL at 8 p. m. Fort Benning time.

Bennett, who has published several songs of his own and written many more, played piano for Leo Reisman, Ruby Newman, and Ranny Weeks, well-known dance orchestras, and during his army career has performed with two of the best-known army dance bands in the country, the Fort Knox Armoreders and the Fort Knox Tankers.

Gorman came up sensationally right before he entered the army, entering from complete oblivion to the solo vocal spot with Al Donahue's famous band, and since he has been in the army he has entertained troops all over the United States.

NEW SONGS
Tonight, Bennett will play two piano solos, "Be and So on" and one of his own tunes, "Heaven Said Hello," which is soon to be published. Gorman will sing "What a Difference a Day Makes" and "When April Rains Around," another Bennett opus which will also be published shortly.

Born in Boston, Bennett began piano lessons when he was 12 years old, and later on he gave concerts at the Handel House in London. He has been playing with orchestras for the last eight years, and composing ever since he was 14, which was 15 years ago, with almost 100 songs copyrighted. As Bennett puts it, "The Library of Congress is making more money than I am on the deal!" After the war, he hopes to keep up the music writing and eventually become entrenched in Tin Pan Alley as a topnight composer of popular music.

GORMAN TO "SEND"
Gorman, who is 24, comes from Pittsburgh, Pa., and did little singing until he began working with Al Donahue, where his crooning went over big. Right after his outstanding success with Donahue, the draft board beckoned, and Gorman entered the army. A quiet fellow, not prone to much basking in the limelight, Gorman has been singing in the army since his appearance last week at Service Club No. 1 in a Second Army Show was a sensation with Gorman being called back for two encores.

Bennett says of Gorman, "Gosh, the way even these soldiers go for the guy's voice, just think of how the women'll go for him in civilian life!"

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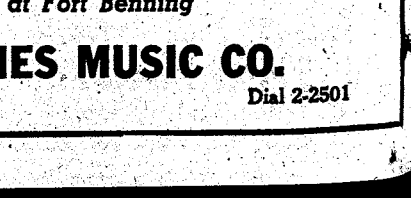
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Billeting Officer Has Headache Looking For Non-Existent Rooms

It may be true that there is always room for one more, but as far as Columbus is concerned, Captain J. W. Myers, Jr., post billeting officer, would like for someone to tell him where the room is.

Columbus currently is terribly crowded, so much so that it would not be amiss to assert that the population, augmented by the influx of Army families, is veritably drooling over the edges.

The people of Columbus, Capt. Myers emphasizes, "have been mighty nice about accommodating the Army, but there just isn't any more room."

There are approximately 1,800 accommodations weekly for accommodations, but alas, lack, there are hardly more than 100 listings. All of this adds up to just one more headache for the billeting officer.

Capt. Myers and his staff have the job of finding quarters for military personnel stationed at Fort Benning. That includes everything from barracks, tents and hutments for troops, to rooms, houses and apartments for married officers, non-coms and soldiers.

The post's war-boom population long ago overflowed from the post itself into Columbus and vicinity. There are still no more family quarters on the post than there were when only 5,000 men

continue to arrive, and they have to have a place to live. To find rooms for them, the Billeting Office has a downtown office at 10th Street and Broadway.

This is the focal point for army wives seeking rooms for themselves and for officers and soldiers hunting quarters for their families. The office keeps lists of rooms for rent in Columbus, with notations of any restrictions imposed by landlords. Many rooms are barred to couples with children or pets, so parents and pet owners are sent to see only the rooms where no such objections are raised.

The list of available rooms is always woefully short, but so far the office has always been able to find shelter of some kind for every person who has reached for help. The USO-Travellers Aid cooperates in finding rooms for transients, and in getting temporary quarters for new residents until they locate permanent rooms.

NEAR MISSES
But in maintaining its perfect record of always finding rooms, the Billeting Office has had a few near misses. Some people have had to go to other towns as far away as 40 miles to find living quarters.

For some time the office had a system of assigning members to room-seekers, in the order in which they appeared at the office. These people would come to the office early in the morning and wait until a landlord called in to list a vacant room. Many of them had to sit all day waiting for their numbers to come up, and often they had to come back several days before they finally located living quarters.

To eliminate the waste of time and the inconvenience of this method, the office has started a waiting list. Applicants now register, listing their family status, number of children, and any other information that would affect their status as tenants. They leave the telephone numbers and addresses of their temporary quarters, and when rooms are listed, the applicants are notified in the order in which they registered.

GET ROOM FIRST
When a landlord lists a room and states that he will accept tenants with children, that listing is given to the first person with children on renters' list.

The Billeting Office staff strongly recommends that a soldier find a room before he sends for his wife or family, in most cases, however, the soldier comes to Columbus without any prospect of a room and spends a long and uncomfortable period of time looking for a place to stay.

In its work on the post proper, the Billeting Office is faced with the problems common to all landlords, plus a number that are strictly Army. It must, for example, house large numbers of troops who come into Fort Benning for a few days for special training, as well as the housekeeping units which are assigned for permanent duty and the troops which spend extended periods of training here.

Officers' quarters are divided among units according to officer strength, and questions of rank and type of duty are considered in assigning the individual quarters. Although a change in rank entitles an officer to larger quarters, most of them realize they are lucky to be able to live on the

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Ordnance Units Keep 'Em Rolling, Shooting, Exploding

BY CPL. LOUIS D. RUBIN, JR.

"If it shoots, explodes, or goes faster than ten miles an hour, it's Ordnance," is the way Ordnance soldiers describe their function in the Army of the United States.

Here at Fort Benning the work tends to be automotive maintenance, since in the Second Army, and the 215th Ordnance Battalion and the 179th Ordnance Battalion attend to that. With their attached companies, these two units, under the command of Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army, do maintenance work for all Second Army and all great many other units at Fort Benning.

Their shops are located all over the post, from Sand Hill and Harmon Church, to "Ten City," where both battalions have their headquarters. They work under field conditions—a great deal of the time, and that's exactly why they want, because the Second Army Ordnance units at Fort Benning are combat ordnance and eventually most if not all of them will make the boot trip.

SPECIALISTS ALL
Ordnance soldiers are trained specialists. As Ernie Fyle, famed war correspondent, said in his July 25 column about Ordnance of France, "you will find the average age is much above the army average. You will find craftsmen in their late 40s, you'll find men with their own established businesses who were making \$30,000 to \$50,000 a year back home who now are wearing sergeant's stripes. You will find an I. Q. far above the average for the army. It has to be that way or the work would not get done."

Most of them are men who worked with automobiles in civilian life for years. They know automotive work from the inside out, and they were selected for the Ordnance branch because of that. Then they were sent to Service schools in which they were taught all about GI vehicles, and how to fix them. Now they're at work repairing and servicing vehicles, and when they get over— they'll be ready for anything.

CO IS EXPERT
Lt. Col. John A. Supensky, of Dayton, Ohio, senior Ordnance officer of the 215th Ordnance Battalion, spent the major part of his civilian life in the oil business and working with automobiles, and here at Fort Benning his experience stands him in good stead. He's responsible for all Second Army Ordnance at Fort Benning, and he oversees the work of several hundred Ordnance troops.

Second Army Ordnance at Fort Benning repairs a great number of vehicles each month. They handle maintenance work up through the fourth echelon, which means they do everything to a vehicle except the most highly technical work which requires intricate equipment found only in permanent shops.

QUICK REPAIRS
They specialize in quick repairs. They set up a maximum of three days, and any vehicle entering their shops must be completely repaired in 72 hours. Overseas or here, they pay little attention to working hours when there's work to be accomplished. In fact, said Lt. Col. Fyle about the Normandy Ordnancemen, "You'll find men working 16 hours a day, then sleeping on the ground, who because of their age don't even have to be here at all."

Another important branch of an automotive company is the small arms section. In size and T-O strength, it doesn't occupy a large part of the set-up, but small arms men have a critical job to do. Trained to repair, renovate or rebuild all types of small arms, from carbines and M-1 rifles to .50 calibre machine guns with ring mounts. It's all Ordnance.

In combat, when they hit the beach (automotive companies not-post, and they do not bother to ask for a change unless they are housed in the older buildings or are badly crowded. The Billeting Office also is in charge of quarters for bachelor officers and of dormitories for civilian workers. It passes on applications for Baker Village and Benning Park Homes, to make sure that the applicants meet requirements for occupancy.

Snakes Worry Tonette Tooter

Some folks play violins and some play guitars, and others play any number of musical instruments, but T-4 Michael M. Mryczko, of the 215th Ordnance Battalion, Second Army unit stationed in Tent City, has a solo instrument of his own, the tonette. The tonette looks something like a mechanized ocarina. It's about 8 inches long, an inch wide, and black, and has little holes up and down the side which when covered in various combinations by the fingers, gives the music.

With most people, the tonette is just a toy to play with, but Mryczko, who scales well over 200 pounds and towers about 6 feet, 4 inches high, has really made an art out of playing the tiny instrument. He's especially good on Polish songs, his ancestors having originated from that place, and he can also do almost any other song.

When he parks his huge bulk on a G. I. bunk, gets out his tonette, and starts tooting away, it's some spectacle. They come from all over to listen, because in addition to the view the big guy and the little instrument present, Mike plays the thing right well and it's really good music. Mike has been reared in a musical background. Born in Cohoes, N. Y., he attended Cohoes High School where he played football and other sports, and then he went to St. Bernardine of Siena College, for 2 years. During all of this time, he had been taking

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lessons on the violin, which he played in several orchestras. In addition to his 7 years of violin playing, he spent few years learning the trumpet, and played that in some dance bands in his locality.

Mike came into the army in 1942, and his chances for music-making were temporarily stilled until spring of 1944, when after 6 months of ASTF work at the University of Maine, he was put in the 26th Division band. In June, he was sent to the 215th Ordnance Battalion, where he is now a clerk-typist.

Mike has only one worry about his music. "Some day," the big guy says, "I might get sent to India. I'll be lying on my bunk playing the tonette and I'll look down on the ground beside me and there'll be a big cobra swaying to the music!" Mike doesn't care too much for snakes.

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7 TIS Bond Show Units Return to Post

After successfully completing a five-week tour of seventeen states throughout the country, seven demonstration units of The Infantry School show, "Here's Your Infantry" are now back at Fort Benning. One unit went to Chicago where it is playing before capacity crowds until December 22.

The State Finance Committees of the Treasury Department and the Army Ground Forces, which sponsored the show as part of the Sixth War Loan Drive, have commended the members of the 3d and 4th Infantry Regiments who participated in the show for their excellent performance and behavior in all of the cities and towns they played.

The sale of War Bonds attributed solely to "Here's Your Infantry" performances ran into the millions. Many individuals sponsored the show at war plants and city clubs where bond rallies were being held. Indirectly, the men contributed to large sales of bonds at those places. The local bond committees of each city and town have expressed their deep appreciation for the effort and cooperation put forth by the Infantrymen in helping the local drives to go over their quota.

The men who participated in the show enjoyed themselves immensely. In all the places they played they were given a very warm welcome and treated most generously. Parties, dances and suppers were held frequently.

Lt. George D. Briggs, advance man for one of the units, on his return, said, "The cooperation between the State Treasury men and the various other units of the Army we contacted during the run of the tour helped make our demonstrations successful."

Sgt. Ryan A. Halloran, of Fort Jackson, S. C., radio announcer for the unit which visited New York and Alabama, expressed his opinion of the show and tour in the following manner:

"We were welcomed with open arms everywhere we went. The officers and men with whom I worked were great to get along with and the job they did, both on the field and in the weapons demonstrations, was given full attention by the spectators at each instance."

Cupid managed to find his way into the show. Three men in one of the demonstration teams were married to girls they met while on tour in Virginia and Tennessee.

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Pvt. Keys Takes Reception Center PRO Assignment

Private Ulysses S. Keys, a former Chicago lawyer and newspaper man, was assigned to duty as public relations representative of the Reception Center last week. It was announced by colonel John P. Egerly, commanding officer.

Pvt. Keys was a barrister in the legal department of the Office of Price Administration when he entered the Armed Services. He is well known in journalistic circles. He has held positions with the Chicago Bee as columnist, chief editorial writer, and executive editor. He was former associate editor of the Crescent magazine, the official organ of the national Phi Beta Sigma fraternity and editor of the Common Outlook magazine.

The new PRO representative was the former president of the Chicago City-wide forum, the Chicago Pan-Hellenic Council, and the graduate and undergraduate chapters of Phi Beta Sigma. At his induction he was secretary of the Cook County bar association and was formerly its general attorney.

DISCHARGE EMBLEM FOR UNIFORM WEAR
WASHINGTON, D. C. (ALNS) A new honorable discharge emblem for wear on the service uniform has been adopted. It is a cloth device designed the same as the discharge button, and is to be worn above the right breast pocket of all discharged personnel on all outer uniform clothing. Supplies are not yet available for distribution, however, it is announced by the War and Navy Departments, which are in agreement on the design.

Two Hospital Units Recondition Soldiers Both Mentally, Morally

A reconditioning program, vast in its scope and constantly expanding, is being carried on at the ASF Regional Hospital, Fort Benning, and in Unit No. 2 in the Harmony Church area.

This program is complicated and comprehensive, vitally necessary, for it contributes to "that goal of preservation of the strength of the fighting soldier." The term "reconditioning," in the Army would be in some respects equivalent to the term "rehabilitation," as used in civilian life, in that it offers the soldier, both physically and mentally, a means to keep fit and to keep morale high while patiently awaiting that day when he can rejoin his unit and resume the job which has to be done.

This important work, however, is not new at Fort Benning; it was inaugurated at Unit No. 2 Hospital, Harmony Church area, in 1942, and has been continued intermittently since that date under the guidance of Colonel Chauncey E. Dovel, Commanding Officer of the Regional Hospital.

The service is divided into three branches: the physical reconditioning, educational reconditioning, and occupational therapy. All phases are under medical supervision.

TWO SECTIONS
Two sections comprise the entire program: the Hospital Reconditioning Section, to which Class IV and III patients are assigned; and the Advanced Reconditioning Section, to which Class I and II patients are sent before returning to duty. This latter section is located at Unit No. 2 Hospital.

Every patient is placed in one of four classes.

Class IV consists of patients confined to their beds, but considered convalescent. They are given special bed callisthenics and corrective exercises by physical education instructors. Diversional occupation therapy and planned recreation is offered daily as well.

In Class III are found patients who are ambulatory, but who still require medical or surgical treatment. The physical program is stressed more in this group, involving callisthenics and games. Educational activities include news analysis, G. I. training films, lectures on military subjects, and the like.

After patients have conscientiously trained during their stay in the above classes, and are then in good physical condition, they are sent directly to duty. Others, who need more reconditioning before being discharged from the hospital, are transferred to the Advanced Reconditioning Section, at Unit No. 2 Hospital. These are trained, wearing regular military uniforms.

CLASS II MEN
Class II men are those who have recovered from their disease or injuries, yet not completely able to return to duty. They are engaged in a program designed to increase gradually their physical fitness so that they may be ready for the Class I program.

In the last group are those patients on the verge of discharge from the hospital. Daily physical work-outs enable them to prepare for full field duties, and a final test, including a 10 to 12-mile hike, is required before they are pronounced fit to leave.

Emphasis is placed on mental as well as physical exercises in this great program. In order to supply the men with educational activities, small group discussions are conducted for the ward and bed patients. Other patients are selected to deliver the lectures and supervise the discussions. Some of the subjects cover Military Education, U. S. Armed Forces Institute courses, the G. I. Bill of Rights, post-war problems, aid rendered to servicemen by the Government, and other items of interest.

RE-EDUCATION
An enthusiastic worker in the educational activities is Sgt. Arthur E. Smith, the first enlisted man to aid in organizing the entire Reconditioning Program. The sergeant is a keen student of current events and conducts many of the orientation classes in a special room set up for this purpose. He is justifiably proud of the diversity of the program, which ranges from "current events—quiz contests," with packages of cigarettes as prizes, to music appreciation hours.

Physical reconditioning exercises, in addition to the educational trends, are devised by the Surgeon General's office. Thirty types of exercises are in the repertoire, graduated so that every one can do at least ten. They are

specifically designed according to the disability of the individual patients, and the games are likewise planned. There are twelve sections for physical education, with each group classed in regard to their various ailments. Competitive sports are also held: volleyball, football, badminton, and horse-shoe pitching.

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Great Britain Awards Sgt. Kelly Medal For Gallantry

Technical Sergeant Charles E. "Commando" Kelly, winner of the American Medal of Honor and the Silver Star, was decorated with the British Military Medal "in the name of His Majesty, The King of England" at headquarters, The Infantry School last Thursday morning.

Presentation of the award "for gallantry in the field" near Italy was made by Major General Fred L. Walker, who commanded the 38th Division in which Kelly won fame overseas, and who now commands The Infantry School at which Kelly is now serving as a member of the Academic Regiment.

The Military Medal, which ranks with the American Silver Star, was recommended for Kelly by Lieutenant General Mark Clark, then commanding the Fifth Army. The award was approved by British General H. R. Alexander for Kelly's "gallantry and intrepidity beyond the call of duty" on September 12th, 1943, when he was also cited for the Medal of Honor.

COMMANDO STEPS UP

On that day—according to the

citation which is now one of the most famous pages in Army history—Kelly, then a private first class near Altavilla, Italy, "voluntarily joined a patrol which had established the neutralized enemy machine gun positions. After this hazardous duty he volunteered to establish contact with a unit believed to be located on a hill a mile distant. He traveled over a route commanded by enemy observation and under sniper, mortar and artillery fire and returned with the correct information that the enemy occupied the hill in organized positions."

Immediately thereafter Kelly, again a volunteer patrol member, assisted in the destruction of two enemy machine gun nests under conditions requiring great skill and courage. After firing his weapon until his ammunition was exhausted, he secured permission to obtain more at an ammunition dump.

"Arriving at the dump, near a storehouse on the extreme flank of the regiment's position, Kelly found the Germans attacking furiously at this point. He obtained his ammunition and was given the mission of protecting the rear of the storehouse. He held his position throughout the night."

MOWS REM DOWN

Next morning the enemy attack was resumed. Kelly took a position at an open window of the storehouse, where one machine gunner had been killed and several other soldiers wounded. "Kelly delivered continuous aimed effective fire upon the enemy with his automatic rifle until the weapon locked from overheating. Finding another automatic rifle he again directed effective fire upon the enemy until this weapon also locked."

"At this critical point, with the enemy threatening to overrun the position, Kelly picked up 80 mm mortar shells, pulled the safety pins and used the shells as grenades, killing at least five of the enemy. When it became necessary to evacuate the house, Kelly, despite his sergeant's injunctions, volunteered to hold the position until the remainder of the detachment could withdraw."

"As the detachment moved out, Kelly was observed deliberately

loading and firing a rocket launcher from the window. He was successful in covering the withdrawal of the unit," and later in rejoining his own organization.

KILLED 40 HUNS

During succeeding engagements "the One Man Army" served as squad corporal, then as section sergeant, and finally as acting first sergeant. He is officially credited with killing 40 of the enemy.

Since his return to the States as one of the most picturesque heroes of this war he has also been officially credited with selling literally millions of dollars in war bonds at rallies at which he has spoken on behalf of the Treasury Department.

Sergeant Kelly, a member of C Company, Academic Regiment, is now an assistant weapons instructor at The Infantry School. He has seven brothers in uniform. His mother, Mrs. Irene Kelly, resides at 419 Tripple Street, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Silver Stars Go To Dead Heroes

Two former members of The Infantry School were recently posthumously awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action, according to a War Department announcement.

They are: Lieutenant Colonel William S. Humphries, of San Antonio, Texas, who took the Battalion Commanders and Staff Officers Course in 1941. While in the vicinity of a village in Normandy on June 19, 1944, five Sherman tanks became bogged down in a draw and were left behind by the following foot troops. The tanks, however, continued to fire. Seeing that the tanks, because of limited observation, were firing into forward elements of friendly troops, he ran down the draw while fully exposed to enemy fire and ordered the tanks to cease firing. With absolute disregard for his own safety he proceeded from tank to tank, striking them with a stick until the commanders heard him. During this action enemy mortar and 88-mm gun fire fell close around him but he made no effort to return until the safety of his troops had been assured. The untselfish loyalty and bravery displayed by this officer reflect great credit upon himself and the Infantry School. He died of wounds a week later.

First Lieutenant Clifford G. Gordon, of Worcester, Mass., who was commissioned at The Infantry School, November 2, 1942, while during an attack by his company on January 31, 1944.

Colonel Albert Issues Greetings to Post Personnel

We now approach a fourth Christmas clouded by this greatest of all wars. As we celebrate this day dedicated to peace, good will and happiness, may we pause to think of those struggling millions of our people overseas, and re-pledge ourselves and all our energies to hastening the end of the war.

JOHN E. ALBERT,
Lt. Colonel, Air Corps,
Base Commander, Lawson Field.

Lion-cage Rigger Helped Tame Japs in Solomons

Life has had more than its share of thrills for Pte. Lewis W. Cavender, Jr., of the Casual Training Detachment, Fourth Special Troops, Second Army.

Cavender's civilian occupation was as a "rigger" of lion cages in the circus, and during the current war he spent eight months on Guadalcanal, back in late 1942 and early 1943 when the fighting was furious in the Solomons. He was called in by the Virginian had been in 48 states, Mexico, and Canada, before he was 21 years old, and since then he has added a string of Pacific islands to his log.

Cavender is only 28 years of age, and he joined the circus when he was 15 years old, traveling first with Cole Brothers, then with Johnny Jones, and for 3 years, 1938, 1939, and 1940, with Ringling Brothers-Barnum and Bailey, the "Greatest Show on Earth." In his circus days, says Lewis, he was known as "Sideshow Buster," and West Virginia friends even knew his first name at all.

WORKED WITH BEST

With the circuses, Cavender was a "rigger," one of the skilled men who erect and tear down the portable cages for the lion taming acts. Cavender worked for Clyde Beatty, Alfred Court, Terrell and Dot Jacobs, all famous performers, and he also served on the crews of such well-known trapeze artists as Arthur and Antonette Concello, the famous "Flying Concellos," Hubert Castle, the noted tightrope artist, and the Christian family, 74 household artists.

"Rigger work was really fascinating," Cavender says. "We had to tear down a cage consisting of all pieces of iron piping in 3 minutes, and we rarely took that long. After the show, the animals would leave by the long, wooden ramps, and sometimes we would have the entire cage torn down before the last lion had left the other end of the chute."

WITH AMERICAN

Cavender entered the army in February, 1941, and was sent to join the 147th Infantry Regiment, one of the first to go ashore at Guadalcanal, as part of the Americal Division. He was assigned to the command of Major General Alexander M. Patch, now 7th Army Commander on the West. He was made up in New Caledonia, thus his name.

Lewis and his outfit went up to the front in January and cleared the island of Jap resistance, with the 147th participating in the famous battle on the Cocosba River.

"Personally, I didn't find it quite as bad as I thought it would be," Cavender says. "We didn't have nearly as much trouble from Japs infiltrating into our lines at night as we were supposed to, but that was because they were growing less scornful of Jap soldiering ability, I guess, by that time."

After 29 days at the front, during which all Jap resistance was ended, Cavender and his outfit went back, by way of the New Hebrides, Samoa, and Pango Islands.

TO SETTLE DOWN

After Cavender is discharged, he doesn't expect to rejoin the circus. "I enjoyed my work with them, but I've gotten the roaming instinct out of my system, I think," he says. In the winter, during the off-season for the circus, he worked as a roustabout" man with a gang under him, drilling oil wells in the West Virginian oil country. When he again becomes a civilian, Cavender plans to continue with this relatively stable occupation.

All of which isn't unusual, because Lewis W. Cavender, with Ringling Brothers-Barnum and near Ponte Rotto, Italy, sudden and severe machinegun fire isolated a squad of eight men and caused several casualties among the rest of the company. Acting instantly and with complete disregard for the bullets that wounded two men not five yards away, he rushed the machinegun and destroyed it with a hand grenade. He was reported killed in action the same day.

CBS Radio Stars To Cheer GIs Christmas Day

Two hours of sparkling Yuletide music and laughter by an array of brilliant stars of the entertainment world goes out over the Columbia network to Yanks all over the world and their families on Christmas Eve. The "CBS Christmas Program," Monday, Dec. 25 (WABC-CBS 4:00-8:00 p. m. EDT). The program will be carried by WRBL, Columbus, where it will broadcast Basil Rathbone's rendition of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" during the half hour preceding the broadcast.

The entire program will be beamed to the fighting fronts by shortwave simultaneously with network broadcast to the home folks.

For this broadcast of Christmas cheer the elite of radio, screen and stage foregather in the Vine Street Theatre in Hollywood. Don Ameche will be emcee, as he was on the CBS "Thanksgiving Show" under the same auspices.

Grace Allen will be present, soothing George Burns into a coma; and there'll be Jack Benny and Rochester, and Vera Vague.

Der Bingle Crosby will be on hand to sing a few songs; Carmen Miranda will lip "Ishtah," which, if you have quick-ear for Portuguese, means "I Am Here"; singer Ginny Sims will be welcomed in her honorary rank of Sergeant Major in the U. S. Marine Corps; Joe Seigrist will extort his fiddle, while Lou Silver and his orchestra throw their tuneful weight around.

Don Ameche, in addition to bowing the talent in, will play the lead in a special Christmas drama by Freling Foster, Collier's "Keep The Warmth of the World." Unmistakenly Ken Carpenter has the announcing concession.

Other stars will be added as the talent lists are combed and new names culled for the show.

Mrs. Sergeant Stork Visited By Mr. Stork

The old story about the Stork came literally true a

There are also some Germans in the Alpine passes south of Switzerland, at Mount Cenis. In the Metz area, the last German pockets were wiped out recently by the surrender of Fort Dietrich on December 8th and Fort Jeanne d'Arc on December 15th.

few weeks ago in the 4170th QM Depot Company, Second Army unit in Tent City.

The boys got a telegram from T-Sgt. Joe Stork saying that Mrs. Stork had presented him with a 7-pound baby boy. The Sarge was home on furlough in Breda, Iowa. According to the telegram, all the Storks are doing well.

Trouble with most GIs' cars these days is the air is beginning to show—Roger.

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La Davis Thrills Hospital Patients

More than a thousand patients at the ASF Regional Hospital got a thrill of life and real Yuletide surprise Tuesday afternoon when Betty Davis, Hollywood's first Lady of the film, paid a visit to the Red Cross Rec Hall.

For more than two hours and a half, Miss Davis sat at a small table in the rec hall stage and personally autographed each of the patients' portraits for any and all comers among the patients.

Each portrait was autographed not only by the famous star, but also with the name of the recipient. In many cases the soldiers asked for the picture autographed with the names of mothers, sweethearts, or even youngsters.

Miss Davis was particularly thrilled when one soldier asked to have the picture autographed for his six-year-old daughter, who was named Betty Sue Davis after the famous screen star.

Some of the patients, still wearing casts, even had the film star autograph their casts for them.

The visit to the hospital was a voluntary effort on the part of Miss Davis, who felt that she would like to do something to help spread Christmas cheer among the patients.

To get along in a big city a gal must cross the street cautiously and her legs recklessly.



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND

This Christmas will find Service Stars in thousands of homes. The best Christmas greeting that we can give is the heartfelt wish that 1945 will bring the early and safe return of our loved ones in uniform.

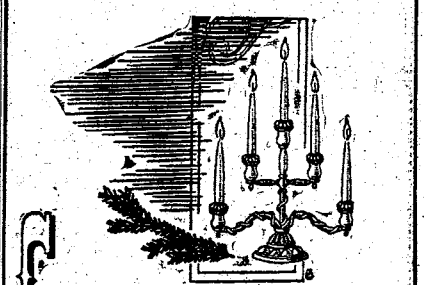
Officers' Club Beauty Shop

H. D. MARTIN, Owner



Holiday Greetings to All—Chicken—Steak—Oysters

CECIL JONES, Prop.
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CHRISTMAS 1944

This year, as in all preceding years, we want to join the many good friends who wish you prosperity and happiness for the coming New Year. We send our 1944 Christmas Greetings to you, filled with a sincere appreciation of your kind patronage during this past year.

GLASSY CLOTHES SHOP

1035 BROADWAY



To all the Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines, WACS, WAVES, SPARS, and to all the many thousands of men and women in the United States who are working for Victory... our very best Christmas wishes and our heartfelt hope that the coming New Year will bring complete Victory—And a Victorious New Year to all the Armed Forces.

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